

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 13, “Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment addresses the issue of prospective interns who are unable to secure a paid intern position. In order for a person to teach on an intern license, the person must hold a paid position as an intern. There has been an increase in interns who are unable to secure paid positions, most likely as a result of the slow economy.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2011. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by E-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no adverse impact on jobs has been found. This rule promotes training for teachers and recruits high quality individuals to the education profession.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 13.9(7) as follows:

13.9(7) Requirements to obtain the initial license if the teacher intern does not complete the internship year:

a. An initial license shall be issued upon application provided that the teacher intern has met all of the following requirements one of the following options:

(1) Option #1:

1. Successful completion of the coursework and competencies in the teacher intern program approved by the state board of education; and

2. Verification by a college or university that the teacher intern successfully completed the college's or university's state-approved student teaching requirements; and

3. Recommendation by a college or university offering an approved teacher intern program that the individual is eligible for an initial license.

(2) Option #2:

1. Successful completion of the coursework and competencies in the teacher intern program approved by the state board of education; and

2. Verification by the approved teacher intern program that the teacher intern successfully completed 40 days of paid substitute teaching of which at least 60 percent of the time shall be in the intern's endorsement area; and

3. Verification by the teacher intern program that the teacher intern successfully completed 40 days of co-teaching; and

4. Recommendation by the approved teacher intern program that the individual is eligible for an initial license.

a. b. At the board's request, the teacher intern shall provide to the board information including, but not limited to, the teacher intern selection and preparation program, institutional support, local school district mentor, and local school district support.